

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical connector includes a housing including a coupling portion for

5 coupling another optical connector and a blocking component for blocking an optical axis arranged in the coupling portion. The blocking component has a shutter plate blocking the optical axis and being pivotably supported by the housing with a pivot shaft and an elastic portion for normally biasing the shutter plate to a closed position. The shutter plate pivots between a position blocking

10 the optical axis and a position to which the shutter plate is forced to move by the other optical connector when the other optical connector is inserted into the optical connector.